

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON “Certification and Reimbursement of
Mental Health Rehabilitation Services Providers”
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DOCKET NO. R-5-04**

Pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statute (HRS) §321-11 and chapter 91, the Department of Health will hold a public hearing 17th day, February, 2005, at 1:00 p.m., in Conference Room 322A of the Kalanimoku Building, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu, to hear all persons interested in the proposed adoption of Chapter 11-172, Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR), “Certification and Reimbursement of Mental Health Rehabilitation Services Providers.”

The proposed chapter:

- Establishes definitions pertinent to the certification and reimbursement of mental health rehabilitation services providers, including definitions of services covered and definitions of the providers covered.
- Establishes a provider certification process including:
 1. the submittal and processing of provider applications from new providers and existing providers;
 2. service standards;
 3. on-site surveys as part of the application process;
 4. decisions on a certificate application, which may be approval, disapproval or a determination of noncompliance (for existing providers);
 5. provisions for providers in noncompliance to come into compliance;
 6. reasons for denying a certificate application;
 7. an appeals process for applicants who are denied;
 8. variable terms of certification, but not to exceed three years;
 9. unannounced on-site surveys of any applicant or provider;
 10. revocation of certificates for providers failing to comply with certification requirements;
 11. an appeals process for providers whose certificate has been revoked;
 12. termination of certificates which have expired and not been renewed.
- Establishes a system of contracting with and reimbursing certified providers, including a provision requiring providers to provide certain utilization management information and data.

All interested persons may submit data, views or comments orally or in writing to the Hawaii State Department of Health, Adult Mental Health Division (AMHD) at the time of hearing. All written and oral submissions regarding the proposed rules shall be fully considered. Persons wishing to submit written testimony are requested to submit six copies of their testimony to AMHD at the address below by 16th day, February, 2005.

A copy of the proposed rules will be mailed to any interested person who requests a copy and pays AMHD the required fee of \$2.00 for the copy and postage. If you would like to pick up a copy of the rules you may do so by paying \$1.00 to AMHD between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Checks should be made payable to: State of Hawaii, Department of Health. Contact information for copy requests is as follows: AMHD, 1250 Punchbowl Street, Room 256, (808) 586-4688, Attention: Thomas W. Hester, M.D.

The proposed rules may be reviewed in person free of charge at AMHD at the address and hours of operation noted above. In addition, the full text of the proposed rules is available for review and can be downloaded free of charge from the Department of Health website:
<http://www.hawaii.gov/health/about/rules/index/html>.

Individual who require special needs accommodations may request assistance in writing to Thomas W. Hester, M.D., using the contact information above at least five (5) working days prior to the hearing. The Department intends to make its decision on the proposed rules at the time of hearing. However, in the event the Department decides to take the decision on the proposed rules under advisement, it will announce the date when it intends to make its decision.

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